



**Saturday, 16 May 2026**

09:00 AM **Registration, Networking and Breakfast**

10:00 AM **Opening Remarks** – Conference Co-Presidents

10:05 AM **Welcoming Remarks** – Prof. Sergei Guriev, Dean, London Business School

10:20 AM **Panel - Changing Global & Regional Economies: A New Geography of Capital?**

Abdulmohsin A. Almkhaizeem — President & CEO, Kuwait Investment Office, London

H.E. Manaf El Hajeri — former Minister of Finance & Minister of State for Economic Affairs and Investments, Kuwait

Philippe Jabre — CEO & CIO, Jabre Capital Partners S.A

Hélène Rey, O.B.E., F.B.A — Lord Bagri Professor of Economics, London Business School

Moderated by Sara Altamimi - MBA Student at LBS and Consultant at Boston Consulting Group

11:25 AM **Panel - The State of the Region's Digital Economy: Funding, Returns, and Exit Pathways**

Chris Corbishley — Managing Partner & CIO, BNVT Capital

Khaldoun Tabaza — Founder & Managing Director, iMENA Group

Mishary Al Dhuwaihi — Senior Vice President, Jefferies

Moderated by Fatima El Faki - Master's in Financial Analysis Student at LBS

12:30 PM **Lunch Break**

01:50 PM **Oud Performance** - Joseph Tawadros, AM

02:40 PM **Panel - Climate Change and Regional Resilience: Resources, Infrastructure & Innovation**

Ahmed AlJameel — Energy and Climate Policy Researcher, Centre for Environmental Policy, Imperial College, London

Dr. Rusha Al-Rawaf — Chief Corporate Affairs & Sustainability Officer, ACWA Power

Thomas Panton — Founding Associate, Endgame Capital

Hani Tohme — Senior Partner & Head of the Applied Sustainability Practice, Middle East & Africa, Kearney

Moderated by Talal Alamoudi - MBA Student at LBS and Consultant at Bain & Company

03:45 PM **Panel - Fintech: Rails and Liquidity in the Region's Digital Economy**

Ali Abulhasan — Co-founder & CEO, Tap Payments

Talal Alawadhi — CEO, Ottu

Turki Aljoaib — Managing Partner, Rua Growth Fund

Moderated by Maria Germanos - MBA Student at LBS and Consultant at Boston Consulting Group

04:50 PM **Networking and Coffee Break**

05:20 PM **Panel - From Adoption to Advantage: Can MENA Compete in the AI Era?**

Mehdi Ghissassi — Chief Product & Technology Officer, ai71

Rami Khoury — CEO, auxi

Faisal Alhajj — Head of MENA, BNVT Capital

Fouad Jeryes — President and Co-Founder, Maqsam

Moderated by Aljohara Alabdulkarim - MBA Student at LBS and previous advisor at Ministry of Energy, KSA

06:25 PM **Closing Remarks** – Conference Co-Presidents